# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



#### FISCAL MEMORANDUM

### HB 2339 - SB 2345

March 7, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (014876):** Requires a 15 percent increase in the wages and salaries of the following Department of Correction (DOC) positions: preferred service employees, other than correctional officers, 22 hearing officials, consisting of one hearings assistant director, four parole hearings regional supervisors, and 17 hearing officers; and eight sentence docket technicians, consisting of five docket technicians II and three docket technicians III.

#### FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

Increase State Expenditures – \$31,595,000/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years

Other Fiscal Impact – The additional positions listed are not housed within the Department of Correction and are therefore assumed to not be subject to the requirements or the proposed legislation.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The DOC reports a total of 3,664 preferred service employees other than correctional officers that will require a wage increase as a direct result of this legislation.
- The total current monthly salary for such employees is \$14,540,349.
- The increase in state expenditures as a result of a 15 percent increase is estimated to be \$26,172,628 [(\$14,540,349 x 15.0%) x 12 months].
- The total current cost for monthly benefits for such employees is estimated to be approximately \$3,012,433.
- The increase in state expenditures as a result of a 15 percent increase is estimated to be \$5,422,380 [(\$3,012,433 x 15.0%) x 12 months].
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$31,595,008 (\$26,172,628 salary + \$5,422,380 benefits) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.
- The remaining hearings officials and sentence docket technician positions listed in the legislation are not housed within the DOC and therefore are assumed to not be subject to the requirements of the proposed legislation.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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